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**Environmental Advisory Council**  
**Tuesday, March 24, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council was held on the above date for the transaction of general business.

Present - H. Rauenzahn, A. Molteni, N. Brantley – 3.

Also present – D. Hoag, S. Katzenmoyer

**CALL TO ORDER**

Deb Hoag called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by H. Rauenzahn, seconded by N. Brantley, to approve the February 24, 2009 minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

**ELECTION OF CHAIR/VICE CHAIR**

Motion was made by N. Brantley, seconded by H. Rauenzahn, nominating N. Brantley and H. Rauenzahn as co-chairs. Both accepted the nomination. Motion carried unanimously.

**BERKS COUNTY EAC**

Ms. Katzenmoyer informed the Council that she was unable to attend the last meeting. The BCEAC forwarded the Natural Areas Inventory of Berks County from 1991, highlighting information pertaining to the City of Reading.

It was requested that Ms. Katzenmoyer follow up with Met-Ed and the Conservancy regarding the native plant and butterfly issues on Neversink Mountain.

The next meeting of the BCEAC will be held on Thursday, June 4 at 7 pm at the Ag Center. Ms. Katzenmoyer noted her willingness to attend and invited other members to accompany her.

## **SUMMER YOUTH BEAUTIFICATION**

No report.

## **GARDENING WORKSHOPS**

Mr. Brantley stated that he continues to work with Beth Findlay of the Conservancy. Ms. Findlay will be holding seed-starting workshops at the City Park Greenhouse for individuals involved in the community gardening programs.

Mr. Molteni stated his belief that vacant lots throughout the City would be excellent locations for community gardens.

Ms. Rauenzahn reminded Mr. Brantley that he and Ms. Findlay are scheduled to appear on the April BCTV program.

## **RECYCLING IN THE READING SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Brian Twiman described his work to begin recycling in the Reading School District. He stated that his work is coordinated by Frank Denbowski, Solid Waste Manager, and is in conjunction with Mike Schorn who is also educating children in the School District.

Mr. Twiman stated that he is currently working with children at 12<sup>th</sup> & Marion Elementary School. He noted his hope that programs would begin at Millmont, and Northeast and Southern Middle Schools.

Ms. Hoag suggested that Mr. Twiman present the financial savings of recycling to the School Board. Mr. Twiman stated that he will be speaking at the upcoming School Board meeting.

Ms. Hoag stated her belief that if children are educated about recycling at school, they will bring the habit home and encourage their families to recycle.

Ms. Rauenzahn suggested that this be the topic for the June BCTV program.

### **EARTH DAY**

The Earth Day celebration will be held on Sunday, April 19 at Riverfront Park.

Ms. Katzenmoyer will submit the necessary registration forms. She will also arrange to have recycling bins and information available to distribute at Earth Day.

Mr. Molteni suggested asking attendees to complete a survey about their environmental concerns to guide the EAC in its future works.

### **OTHER**

The Great American Clean Up will be held on Saturday, April 18.

The next meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council will be held on Tuesday, April 28 at 6 pm.

The meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by  
Shelly Katzenmoyer, Deputy City Clerk*